



WHAT GIFTS WILL YOU SHARE

CARLSBAD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



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VOLUNTEERS LEAD THE WAY TO CITYWIDE TRAIL SYSTEM

One of the outstanding resources for residents of Carlsbad is the system of walking and hiking trails. Those trails would not be as extensive as they are today if a host of volunteers hadn't come forth to build and maintain them.

A citizen citywide trail study was conducted and subsequently adopted by the City Council in 1992. Funding, however, was not available to fully implement the concepts.

Operating with faith that citizens would volunteer, Gary Hill, at that time a brand new Carlsbad resident, asked the City Council for permission to set up a volunteer-based trail building program. The Council and Hill decided on Hosp Grove as the site for this pilot program and drew up plans for a mile of trail through the Grove. On January 23, 1999, more than 60 people volunteered for the hard work of trail clearing. Ultimately, more than 130 volunteers, from ages 7 to 70, using only hand tools, completed the trail. That began the odyssey of the partnership of volunteers and staff working to build trails throughout Carlsbad's open spaces.

From that small beginning grew a citywide system that currently includes approximately 21 miles of recreational trails located in a variety of open space areas throughout the City. Future plans call for another 44 miles to be constructed, some of which will be built by volunteers.

Trails provide recreational opportunities for all ages. Trail Manager Liz Ketabian says, "Volunteers have been essential partners in creating the extensive trail system that Carlsbad has today. We hope they will continue their vital role."

Gary Hill believes volunteers can continue to improve the quality of life in Carlsbad, "I would like to have our trails connect our neighborhoods throughout the community and to neighboring communities."

Volunteers participate in numerous ways: they improve existing trails with the Second Saturday Program every month, help construct new trails, periodically inspect and maintain trails, take photos and assist in the preparation of the Quarterly Newsletter

For more information go to
<http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails/>

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Volunteers Make Trails Happen



This crew of more than 60 people was the first group of volunteers who gathered to create a trail. The trail they cleared in Hosp Grove was resounding proof that volunteers could play an important role in trail development.

Gary Hill always believed in citizen power. From hand tools to tractors, he has promoted the combined efforts of volunteers and staff in creating an ever-expanding trails system.



Photo Credit: Peter Nagainis



A Trail at Hosp Grove

"There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them."
Charles D. Gill

Special Opportunities for You

CityStuff ... Introducing Children to Their Carlsbad World

CityStuff is a great opportunity to inform and inspire third-graders while teaching them all about Carlsbad government. Choose a school classroom near you and give students memorable lessons in democracy. Volunteers receive a three-hour training that prepares them to deliver six one-hour, hands-on presentations based on superb materials developed by Junior Achievement and the City of Carlsbad. The Spring 2006 CityStuff training will be held March 15. CityStuff classes for students begin in April. Sign up now – Contact Marilyn Campbell at 760-439-3716 or wrt4fn@cox.net.

Senior Volunteer Patrol

Patrol volunteers must be at least 55 years old and want to help increase law enforcement services in Carlsbad. Senior Volunteer Patrol members are required to attend a 10-day academy during May. After this intensive training, they are paired up to go out in patrol cars. They are asked to volunteer around 24 hours per month and attend a monthly meeting. Contact the Senior Patrol office at 760-931-2214.

Kids Are Worth a Million Telethon

Assist the members of the Carlsbad Educational Foundation as they create a Hollywood-theme telethon. This is the only local event that brings all 13 local schools together to support education. Work on one of the four exciting pre-events, the glittering telethon itself, or help with props, people and ideas. Contact Diana at 760-929-1555 or dianaaaron@sbcglobal.net.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

The local chapter of this nationwide organization is looking for volunteers to care for preschoolers one to two times per month. From 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of most months, moms meet to listen to a guest speaker or do a craft. Childcare allows the moms to concentrate on the activity. Contact Cynthia at 760-633-1086 or ccsalomon@adelphia.net.

Leo Carrillo Ranch Docents

If you have an interest in history, the Golden Era of Hollywood, or adobe construction, you will have the opportunity to learn more about all of these topics during your training to become a docent for Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park. Lead tours with students or adults and share the fascinating cultural and natural heritage of this unique site. Weekday morning (9-11:00 a.m.) availability preferred. Contact Mick at 760-476-1042 or mcala@ci.carlsbad.ca.us for more information.

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Adopt a Trail

Looking for a way to give back to the community while enjoying the outdoors? The Adopt A Trail Program allows both individuals and groups to adopt sections of a trail. Be responsible for a segment of trail by repairing erosion, collecting litter, pruning plants, and removing graffiti. Funding contributions can support the construction of new benches, kiosks and other amenities. Corporate groups, neighbors, friends and individuals can find out more on the City's website at www.carlsbadca.gov.

Cole Library Renovation

A modular building will be serving the needs of library patrons coming to the Cole Library until the antiquated heating and air conditioning system can be revamped. The modular will be open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Flower Fields Open in March

Carlsbad residents have been eagerly awaiting the colorful annual display of ranunculus since the first flowers were planted in 1960. The City of Carlsbad worked to create a unique private enterprise/public institution agreement to guarantee the flower fields' perpetuation. Land was set aside – 53.42 acres – and the City placed a condition on the property that it could only be used for agricultural uses, such as the flower fields. Additionally, money was set aside to fund the fields' ongoing operations. No development can take place on this land without a five-year notice and a public hearing. To learn more, visit the City's website at www.carlsbadca.gov.

Name the 60-80 Year-Old Age Group

The cutting edge of the Baby Boomer Generation is turning 60 years old this month. *PARADE* Magazine and the Harvard School of Public Health are inviting the public to dream up a new name for this stage of life. Send your ideas to "Stage of Life" c/o *PARADE*, P.O. Box 4943, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. To learn more about the "longevity revolution," read an article by *Passages* author Gail Sheehy in the December 11 issue at www.parade.com.